

STEVENS AMENDMENT NO. 228

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. STEVENS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to amendment No. 110 submitted by Mr. MCCAIN to the bill, S. 672, *supra*; as follows:

In amendment number 110, beginning with the word "provisos:" on line 2, strike all through "proposal" on line 6 and insert in lieu thereof "sentence:

"Consistent with the restriction in the preceding sentence and within 90 days of the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with State and local government officials in each affected State, shall submit to Congress a proposal that defers to State law and incorporates the rules, regulations, and policies applicable to the Bureau of Land Management regarding rights of way established pursuant to Revised Statutes 2477 (43 U.S.C. 932), as such rules, regulations, and policies were in effect prior to October 1, 1993, and the recommendations of affected State and local government officials".

GREGG AMENDMENT NO. 229

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. GREGG submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill, S. 672, *supra*; as follows:

In lieu of the language proposed to be inserted, insert the following:

SEC. 326. SENSE OF THE SENATE.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

(1)(A) the officers of the Federal Government and the members of the European Union have had lengthy negotiations with regard to the establishment of a mutual recognition agreement with respect to good manufacturing practice (GMP) inspections of medical devices and pharmaceuticals and the processes of approving medical devices;

(B) in December 1996, the President urged the officers of the Federal Government and the members of the European Union to resolve the issues with respect to the negotiations, and enter into and implement the mutual recognition agreement;

(C) the officers of the Federal Government and the European Union Commission are meeting to resolve the issues.

(D) the mutual recognition agreement would enhance the trade relationships between the United States and the European Union and generate regulatory savings with respect to medical devices and pharmaceuticals; and

(2) the harmonization of international standards could facilitate commerce between the United States and foreign countries.

(b) SENSE OF THE SENATE.—It is the sense of the Senate that—

(1)(A) the United States should continue to press its negotiating objectives in order to maintain both the high United States health and safety standards and to facilitate trade between the United States and the European Union.

(B) assuming the European Union Commission demonstrates the necessary flexibility, the officers of the Federal Government and the European Union Commission should on an expedited basis, conclude negotiations, enter into, and implement a mutual recognition agreement with respect to—

(i) good manufacturing practice inspections for medical devices and pharmaceuticals; and

(ii) the processes of approving medical devices; and

(C) the Secretary of Health and Human Services, in coordination with the USTR and

other appropriate agencies, should facilitate the conclusion of negotiations between the European Union Commission and the officers of the Federal Government with respect to the mutual recognition agreement;

(2) the Secretary of Health and Human Services should separately participate in meeting with foreign governments to discuss and reach agreement on methods and approaches to harmonize key regulatory requirements and to utilize international standards and

(3) the Office of International Relations of the Department of Health and Human Services (as established under section 803 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 383)), in coordination with USTR, should have the responsibility of ensuring that the process established by the Secretary of Health and Human Services and foreign countries, to harmonize international standards, is continuous and productive.

(4) This section shall become effective one day after the date of enactment.

FEINSTEIN AMENDMENT NO. 230

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mrs. FEINSTEIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to amendment No. 171 submitted by Mr. REID to the bill, S. 672, *supra*; as follows:

On line 3, strike all that follows and insert the following:

"(5) FLOOD CONTROL LEVEES.—Consultation or conferencing under paragraph (2) or (4) is not required for an agency action that consists of operating, maintaining, repairing or reconstructing a federal or non-federal flood control levee for any area subject to flooding."

(b) TAKINGS.—Section 9(a) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1538(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(3) FLOOD CONTROL LEVEES.—For purposes of this subsection, an activity of a federal or non-federal person is not a taking of a species if the activity consists of operating, maintaining, repairing, or reconstructing a federal or non-federal flood control levee for any area subject to flooding."

HOLLINGS (AND OTHERS)

AMENDMENT NO. 231

Mr. HOLLINGS (for himself, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. GREGG, and Mr. GLENN) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 672, *supra*; as follows:

On page 47 strike lines 14 through 18 and insert the following:

SEC. 303. None of the funds made available in any appropriations Act for fiscal year 1997 may be used by the Department of Commerce to make irreversible plans or preparation for the use of sampling or any other statistical method (including any statistical adjustment) in taking the 2000 decennial census of population for purposes of the apportionment of Representatives in Congress among the States.

CONRAD AMENDMENTS NOS. 232-234

Mr. STEVENS (for Mr. CONRAD) proposed three amendments to the bill, S. 672, *supra*; as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 232

On page 9, line 21, strike "emergency insured" and insert in lieu thereof "direct and guaranteed".

On page 9, line 25, strike "\$18,000,000, to remain available until expended" and insert in lieu thereof "\$28,000,000, to remain available

until expended, of which \$18,000,000 shall be available for emergency insured loans and \$10,000,000 shall be available for subsidized guaranteed operating loans".

On page 10 line 3, strike "\$18,000,000" and insert in lieu thereof "\$28,000,000".

AMENDMENT NO. 233

On page 74, between lines 4 and 5, insert:

"FOOD AND CONSUMER SERVICE

THE EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Notwithstanding section 27(a) of the Food Stamp Act, the amount specified for allocation under such section for fiscal year 1997 shall be \$80,000,000."

AMENDMENT NO. 234

On page 13, line 1, strike "\$161,000,000" and insert "\$171,000,000".

On page 13, line 15, strike "\$10,000,000" and insert "\$20,000,000".

KERREY (AND DORGAN)

AMENDMENT NO. 235

Mr. STEVENS (for Mr. KERREY, for himself and Mr. DORGAN) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 672, *supra*; as follows:

At the appropriate place in the bill insert the following new language:

SEC. . . Section 45301(b)(1)(A) of title 49, United States Code, is amended by inserting before the semicolon "and at least \$50,000,000 in FY 1998 and every year thereafter".

NOTICES OF HEARINGS

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I wish to announce that the Committee on Rules and Administration will meet in SR-301, Russell Senate Office Building, on Wednesday, May 14, 1997, at 9:30 a.m. to receive testimony on the Campaign Finance System for Presidential Elections: The Growth of Soft Money and Other Effects on Political Parties and Candidates.

For further information concerning this hearing, please contact Stewart Verdery of the committee staff on 224-2204.

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS

Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I wish to announce that the Committee on Small Business will hold a hearing entitled "Oversight of SBA's Finance Programs—Part II." The hearing will be held on May 15, 1997, beginning at 9:30 a.m. in room 428A of the Russell Senate Office Building.

For further information, please contact Paul Cooksey at 224-5175.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 7, 1997, at 10 a.m. to hold a hearing.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent on behalf of the

Governmental Affairs Committee to meet on Wednesday, May 7, at 10 a.m. for a hearing on government secrecy.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 7, 1997 at 10 a.m. to hold a hearing on S. 507, the Omnibus Patent Act of 1997.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session on the Senate on Wednesday, May 7, 1997 at 2 p.m. to hold a judicial nominations hearing.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND HUMAN RESOURCES

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Labor and Human Resources be authorized to meet in executive session during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 7, 1997, at 9:30 a.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Small Business be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate for an oversight hearing on SBA's finance programs on Wednesday, May 7, 1997, which will begin at 9:30 a.m. in room 428A of the Russell Senate Office Building.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 7, 1997, at 2 p.m. to hold a closed hearing on the nomination of George J. Tenet to be Director of Central Intelligence.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND SPACE

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Science, Technology and Space of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Technology be authorized to meet on May 7, 1995, at 2 p.m. on the National Science Foundation and Technology Administration fiscal year 1998 budgets.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure be granted permission to conduct a hearing Wednesday, May 7, 9:30 a.m., on the reauthorization of the

Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act [ISTEA] and safety issues and programs.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

WENATCHEE NATIONAL FOREST

• Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, it is my pleasure today to express my deep gratitude and pride in recognizing the Wenatchee National Forest as a recipient of the Salvage Sale Showcase Award under the U.S. Forest Service's Fiscal Year 1995 Timber Salvage and Recovery Program.

The Wenatchee National Forest encompasses 2.2 million acres of Washington's finest forest lands—lands providing for an abundance of recreational activities and employment and resource opportunities for Washington State residents. In July 1994, however, a lightning storm followed by a severe fire, threatened to suddenly demolish this majestic landscape within days.

When the last flame had been extinguished, the damage was daunting. Three fires of unprecedented intensity had consumed 186,000 acres of Wenatchee National Forest lands, destroying 37 homes and 76 outbuildings and threatening the lives of human beings who had dared to cross its massive path. Firefighters from various parts of the country, 8,000 in all, fought valiantly to save the precious resources endangered by runaway wildfires. It is to their credit that so many homes, communities, and human lives are intact today.

Determined and resolute, the employees of the Wenatchee National Forest went to work. Less than 2 months after the first spark ignited, the largest emergency rehabilitation effort ever undertaken by the Forest Service was launched with the cooperation of other Federal, State, county, and local agencies. The rehabilitation effort addressed and executed projects which included erosion control, road rehabilitation, wildlife habitat, helicopter seeding, and collaborative learning. The effort was successfully completed by mid-November 1994, for \$18 million—\$2 million under budget.

With the worst behind them, Forest managers looked ahead toward long-term forest health and sustainability. Interdisciplinary teams consisting of personnel from all six ranger districts combined their knowledge and know-how to develop the necessary environmental documents. Within 11 months, these teams assembled an astounding 10 environmental analyses and 1 environmental impact statement. Science-based decisionmaking rendered a total of 22 timber sales, resulting in landscape level fuel treatment on over 30,000 acres. Nearly 138 million board feet of fire killed or damaged timber was offered for sale.

Salvage was the key to this vision. Removing dead and dying trees pro-

vided the much needed opportunity to reduce stress and preserve larger, healthier trees. In addition, salvage logging in the Wenatchee has enhanced wildlife habitat and supported the perpetuation of ancient forest conditions. Mr. President, it is for this very reason that I sponsored timber salvage legislation in the spring of 1995. Not only was the forest able to begin healing and promoting catastrophic fire prevention through salvage operations, it was also able to provide a significant amount of timber for the public benefit.

In conclusion, I want to congratulate and commend the efforts of all of those who contributed to the successful and innovative restoration of the Wenatchee National Forest. Their accomplishments over the past 3 years are proof positive that we can effectively balance environmental and economic concerns in our national forests if we give local forest managers the flexibility they need to do their jobs. The employees of this forest are outstanding examples of the teamwork desperately needed throughout our national forest system. Because of their professionalism, tenacity, and courage, the Wenatchee National Forest is on its way back to health and sustainability. My congratulations to them on a job well done. Keep up the good work.

WEST VIRGINIA MOTHER OF THE YEAR, KELLY L. GEORGE

• Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, it is my great honor today to rise to congratulate Kelly L. George of Cabell County in West Virginia. Kelly has been selected by American Mothers, Inc., as the West Virginia Mother of the Year, and I commend them for their choice.

As a father of four children, I know how important it is to have a strong mother figure in the family, and Kelly is exactly that for her family. She continues to instill the value of high academic achievement to her children Vincent, Victor, Valerie, Von, and Vanessa. She works very hard to provide a spiritual foundation for her children, and she also takes on the enormously important task of teaching strong family values.

But this is not all that Kelly George does. Like my wife Sharon, Kelly balances her tasks as a mother with her duties in an active career. Kelly has an impressive list of accomplishments outside the household. She is on the Thomas Hospital Board of Trustees, is a Kanawha County Parks and Recreation Commissioner, and chair of the West Virginia Board of Risk and Insurance Management. She is also a life member of General Federation of Women's Clubs and the National Committee of State Garden Clubs, as well as international chair for the Pilot International World Association. On top of all this, she is a legislative analyst, a historian, and the author of "Rhythms, Remembrances and Recipes."